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**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO INSTITUTE TEMPORARY  
CHANGE IN ITS DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PROCESS**

**Bloomington, IN** – The City of Bloomington Utilities Department will temporarily use chlorine disinfection in its drinking water system starting Thursday, February 28, and continuing through Thursday, March 28. The procedure, known as “free chlorination”, is a common maintenance practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection or chloramines.

CBU Water Quality Coordinator Rachel Atz said any resident noticing their water has a chlorine taste during this period, may be able to reduce it by refrigerating a pitcher of drinking water overnight. She adds any changes in water color or appearance should be brief and recommends simply running the cold water from the faucet until the water is clear.

This “free chlorination” procedure will impact customers of the City of Bloomington Utilities Department, Ellettsville Utilities, Nashville Utilities, Van Buren Water Incorporated, Washington Township Water Corporation, R.H.S. Corporation, B&B Water Project Incorporated, Shady Side Water Corporation, Southern Monroe Water Corporation and Ramp Creek Water Corporation.

Questions about the “free chlorination” procedure are to be directed to the CBU Water Quality Office at 812.349.3655.

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